

Application No.: 10/805772

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12. (previously presented): A tool for use by a machinist in identifying flaws in flatness of a surface of a workpiece comprising a straightedge, an edge of said straightedge for abutment with the workpiece to be tested, said edge having a lengthwise cavity therein, a light source disposed in a chamber in said straightedge, said chamber being remote from said cavity, and a plurality of passages extending within said straightedge from said light source chamber to said cavity for conducting light emitted from said source into said cavity, said cavity directing the light at the workpiece whereby flaws in the flatness of the surface of the workpiece are illuminated from within said straightedge and visible to a machinist viewing the workpiece from a position outside of said straightedge.

Claim 13 – 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17. (cancelled).

18. (previously presented) A tool for use by a machinist in identifying flaws in flatness of a surface of a workpiece comprising a straightedge, an edge of said straightedge for abutment with the workpiece to be tested, said edge having a lengthwise cavity therein, a light source disposed in a chamber in said straightedge, said chamber being remote from said cavity, and means for conducting light emitted from said source into said cavity, said cavity directing the light at the workpiece whereby flaws in the flatness of the surface of the workpiece are illuminated from within said straightedge and visible to a machinist viewing the workpiece from a position outside of said straightedge.

19. (previously presented) A tool according to claim 18 further comprising means for converting said straightedge into a square.